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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants submit attached Form PTO/SB/08A (modified) for consideration and requests the references cited therein be made of record by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") in the above-captioned application.

The references cited were discussed in an Examiner interview held on February 23, 2006 in a copending application and are being submitted to be made of record in the present application.

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Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08A with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 609 are respectfully requested.

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